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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING RESPONSE (YEREVAN 869)

REF: YEREVAN 869

¶1. (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidate nominated to attend the training by the Military of Foreign Affaires.

¶2. (U) The Department of State has vetted the individual listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 01/15/2010. Post is authorized to include the following individual in USG-funded training:

Name of Candidate - Colonel Vardan Hovhannisyan  
TITLE: Deputy Head of the Operational Department  
ORGANIZATION: Main Staff of the Armed Forces of the RA  
DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 25 September, 1962, Armenia  
SEX: Male;  
NATIONALITY: Armenian;  
TYPE OF TRAINING: PTSS 10-3  
DATES OF TRAINING: 12 Feb - 19 Mar, 10.

¶3. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individual identified above, as of 01/15/2010. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individual listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance.  
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